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Attorney Docket No. SPEI3002/ESS/PAD

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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| Inventor:  | Christopher SPEIRS et al.          | Confirmation No. | 1941          |
| Serial No: | 10/516,950                         | Examiner:        | Susan T. Tran |
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**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP - AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment is in Response to the Official Action of January 7, 2009, for which the due date for response is set to expire on April 7, 2009. The response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the *claims* begin on page 2.

*Remarks* begin on page 8.

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